

Human Relations Commission Agenda

The Human Relations Commission is a citizen commission appointed by the Fremont City Council. Human Relations Commission business is conducted in a public forum and operates within the provisions of the Brown Act. Information on the Brown Act may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 3300 Capitol Avenue (phone 284-4060).

General Order of Business

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| 1. Secretary Check for Quorum | 6. Written Communications | 11. Commission Referrals |
| 2. Call to order – 7:15 p.m. | 7. Announcements | 12. Commission Reports |
| 3. Roll call | 8. Consent Items | 13. Staff Reports |
| 4. Approval of Minutes | 9. Old Business | 14. Referral to Staff |
| 5. Oral Communications | 10. New Business | 15. Adjournment |

Order of Discussion

Generally, the order of discussion after introduction of an item by the Chair will include comments and information by staff followed by Human Relations Commissions questions, inquiries or discussion. The applicant, authorized representative, or interested citizens may then speak on the item. At the close of public discussion, the item will be considered by the Commission and action taken.

Oral Communications

Any person desiring to speak on a matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so under Oral Communications. The Human Relations Commission will take no action on an item which does not appear on the agenda. The item will be agendaized for the next regular meeting or at a special meeting called in accordance with the terms of the Brown Act. The Human Relations Commission may establish time limits of presentations.

Information

Regular scheduled meetings of the Human Relations Commission are conducted at 3300 Capitol Avenue in City Council Chambers. Meetings are held at 7:15 on the third Monday of the month. Meetings may be tape recorded at the discretion of the Chair.

Copies of the Agenda are available at the Human Services Department at 3300 Capitol Avenue three days preceding the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Information about the City or items scheduled on the Agenda may be referred to:

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Your interest in the conduct of your City's business is appreciated.

Human Relations Commission

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Mission Statement

The City of Fremont's Human Relations Commission promotes and helps create a community environment in which all men, women and children, regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation, may live, learn, work and play in harmony.

AGENDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of June 16, 2014
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 Film Screening: Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine

BACKGROUND: On December 15, the Commission held a special meeting to screen the film Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine, and unanimously voted to direct staff and commissioners to carry out actions necessary to sponsor the film screening and dialogue. Matthew Shepard was a young gay man who was kidnapped, tortured and left for dead in a Wyoming field in 1998. The film depicts the journey of director Michele Josue, as she tries to connect with other friends and family of Mr. Shepard, in hopes of better understanding his life.

On April 17, 2014, the Commission decided to postpone the screening until after the Pride Parade.

Enclosure: None

RECOMMENDATIONS: Revisit whether the Commission is still interested in Screening the film.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendized discussion or taken action)

10.1 Compassionate City Charter

BACKGROUND: A subgroup of the Tri-City Interfaith Council (TCIC), the Compassionate City Committee, is seeking support for the Cities of Fremont, Newark & Union City to be named as “Cities of Compassion.”

The Committee, including former HRC members Moina Shaiq and Sister Elaine Marie Sanchez, will be presenting the Compassionate City Charter concept and asking the Commission for their support to move the Charter forward in the City.

The Charter for Compassion is based on the Golden Rule (treat others as you would have them treat you). According to TCIC, 41 cities around the world have signed the Charter.

Enclosure: 10.1.1 - Compassionate City Brochure
 10.1.2 – Compassionate City Resolution
 10.1.3 – Charter Flyer

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation and decide how to move forward, if appropriate.

11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS** (Referrals from the City Council to the Commission)

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Promoting Economic Security and Success

BACKGROUND: Commissioners Hoffman, Nguyen-Cleary and Dewan, work to promote economic security and success, by implementing the following strategies:

- a. Bridging the Economic Gap
- c. Providing Affordable Housing

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee report on any non-action items.

12.2 Celebrating Diversity and Promoting Civic Engagement of the Community and Youth

BACKGROUND: Chair Watanuki, Commissioners Iyer and Smith work to celebrate diversity and promote civic engagement of the community and youth, by implementing the following strategies:

- a. Engaging Youth

- b. Advocating and Educating the Community and Youth about the RHC
- c. Supporting and Promoting the Diversity of Fremont

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee and staff report on the HRC's involvement on the SF Pride Parade any non-action items.

12.3 Providing Safety-Net Services for At-Risk Populations

BACKGROUND: Commissioners Kwan, Dhami, and Vuppala work to provide safety net Services for at-risk populations, by implementing the following strategies:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee report on any non-action items.

13. **STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. **REFERRALS TO STAFF** (a request to have items placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. **ADJOURNMENT**